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In regard to the application of: Zeev ZALEFSKY, et al.

Serial No : 09/907,252

Group Art Unit: 2874

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Examiner: WOOD, K. S.

For : A METHOD AND DEVICE FOR POLARIZATION-BASED ALL-OPTICAL  
SWITCHING

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Applicants respectfully direct the attention of the Examiner to additional art cited with respect to U.S. Application No. 09/907,252.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP 2001.06 and to indicate in the first office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications mentioned in this application which the Examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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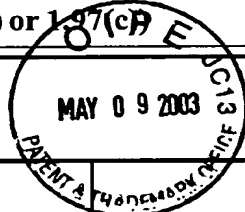
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### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLA SS	SUB- CLASS	Filing date if appropriate
	1.	6,166,838	26 December 2000	LIU, J.-Y. et al.			
	2.	6,097,518	1 August 2000	WU, K.-Y. et al.			
	3.	6,049,404	11 April 2000	WU, K.-Y. et al.			
	4.	6,470,132	22 October 2002	NOUSIANINEN, J. et al.			

### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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